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CIA 'Atrocities'

We find it difficult to understand why U.S. Senator Stephen M. Young of Ohio would make public an apparently unsubstantiated assertion that the Central Intelligence Agency committed "atrocities" in Viet Nam to discredit the Communist Viet Cong. Senator Young said he received the report from a CIA member in Viet Nam.

This is a serious accusation, and although it has been denied by the CIA it should be followed up by an appropriate arm of the Congress.

Certainly such a course is not in accord with the basic concepts of United States conduct of war and should not be condoned. In any event, Senator Young himself should seek a formal investigation by Congress and the facts should be ascertained.